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# PIG CROP REPORT

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The number of hogs and pigs in the 10 Corn Belt States on March 1, 1968 is estimated at 39.0 million head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is an increase of 1 percent from the year earlier total of 38.8 million head, and is down seasonally from the 44.1 million on hand December 1, 1967. The 10 States included in this report are Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas.

Estimated inventory numbers on March 1, 1968 were above a year earlier in 4 States--Missouri, up 5 percent; South Dakota, 9 percent; Nebraska, 4 percent; and Kansas, 6 percent. Three States were down from a year earlier--Ohio, down 3 percent; Indiana, 4 percent, and Wisconsin, 2 percent. Illinois, Minnesota, and Iowa were unchanged. The March 1 inventory in the 10 States is 12 percent less than the December 1 inventory compared with the average decline of about 11 percent.

## ALL HOGS AND PIGS ON FARMS, SOWS FARROWING AND PIG CROP, 10 STATES

| Item                       | : | Average     | : | 1967        | : | 1968        | : | 1968           |
|----------------------------|---|-------------|---|-------------|---|-------------|---|----------------|
|                            | : | 1962-66     | : | 1967        | : | 1968        | : | percent        |
|                            | : | :           | : | :           | : | :           | : | of 1967        |
| ALL HOGS ON FARMS          | : | 1,000       |   | 1,000       |   | 1,000       |   |                |
|                            | : | <u>head</u> |   | <u>head</u> |   | <u>head</u> |   | <u>Percent</u> |
| March 1 .....              | : | 39,850      |   | 38,775      |   | 39,004      |   | 101            |
| DECEMBER-FEBRUARY PIG CROP | : |             |   |             |   |             |   |                |
| Sows farrowing .....       | : | 1,722       |   | 1,745       |   | 1,747       |   | 100            |
| Pigs per litter .....      | : | 1/          |   | 2/7.32      |   | 2/7.28      |   | ---            |
| Pig crop .....             | : | 1/          |   | 12,770      |   | 12,719      |   | 100            |
| SOWS FARROWING             | : |             |   |             |   |             |   |                |
| March-May .....            | : | 3,441       |   | 3,351       |   | 3/3,241     |   | 97             |
| June-August .....          | : | 2,264       |   | 2,240       |   | 3/2,183     |   | 97             |

1/ Not available.

2/ Actual number.

3/ Number indicated by breeding intentions report.

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Of the total March 1 inventory, 7,051,000 head were being kept for breeding purposes, 3 percent less than a year earlier. Hogs and pigs other than those kept for breeding, are estimated at 31,953,000 head, 1 percent more than the 31,532,000 on hand March 1, 1967.

Estimated numbers of other hogs and pigs by weight groups compared with a year earlier shows the under 60 pound group at 11,816,000 head, up 2 percent; the 60-119 pound group at 6,833,000, up 1 percent; the 120-179 pound group at 7,813,000, up 1 percent; the 180-219 pound group at 4,523,000, also up 1 percent; and the 220 pounds and over group at 968,000, up 2 percent.

#### DECEMBER-FEBRUARY PIG CROP

The December-February 1968 pig crop for the 10 States totaled 12,719,000 head, slightly below the crop for the same period a year earlier. The number of sows farrowed was 1,747,000, compared with 1,745,000 sows for the December-February 1967 period. The average number of pigs per litter for the December-February 1968 quarter, at 7.28, is down slightly from a year earlier. On December 1, 1967 farmers in the 10 States reported expected farrowings for the December-February quarter at 1,749,000 sows. For the month of December 1967, the 462,000 sows farrowed numbered 4 percent above a year earlier. January 1968 farrowings, at 572,000, were up 3 percent from January 1967, and in February 713,000 sows farrowed, 4 percent below a year earlier.

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Number of hogs and pigs on farms, pig crop, inshipments, death loss and marketings,  
December 1-March 1, 1967-68, 10 States

| Item                                | : | 1966   | : | 1967   |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------|---|--------|
| - - - 1,000 head - - -              |   |        |   |        |
| Hogs and Pigs on hand Dec. 1 .....  | : | 44,055 | : | 44,098 |
|                                     | : |        | : |        |
| Pig crop Dec. 1/ - Feb. .....       | : | 12,770 | : | 12,719 |
| Inshipments 2/ Dec. 1/ - Feb. ..... | : | 189    | : | 232    |
| Slaughter 3/ Dec. 1/ - Feb. .....   | : | 17,258 | : | 16,993 |
| Death Loss 4/ Dec. 1/ - Feb. .....  | : | 981    | : | 1,052  |
| Hogs and Pigs on hand Mar. 1 .....  | : | 38,775 | : | 39,004 |

1/ Dec. preceding year.

2/ Includes only those shipped in from States outside the 10 States.

3/ Includes farm slaughter, and feeder pig outshipments to States other than the 10 States.

4/ Death loss of hogs and pigs on hand December 1, or purchased after December 1. Does not include loss of pigs farrowed Dec.-Feb.

Hogs and Pigs: Number of hogs and pigs on farms, breeding and other, December 1, 1966 and 1967, selected States

| State           | For breeding |        |                 | Other  |         |                 | All hogs and pigs |         |                 |
|-----------------|--------------|--------|-----------------|--------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------|
|                 | 1967         |        | As % of<br>1966 | 1967   |         | As % of<br>1966 | 1967              |         | As % of<br>1966 |
|                 | 1966         | Number |                 | head   | Percent |                 | head              | Percent |                 |
| Ohio ....       | 1,000        | 1,000  |                 | 1,000  | 1,000   |                 | 1,000             | 1,000   |                 |
| Indiana ..      | head         | head   |                 | head   | head    |                 | head              | head    |                 |
| Illinois ..     | 342          | 335    | 98              | 2,190  | 2,146   | 98              | 2,532             | 2,481   | 98              |
| Wisconsin:      | 646          | 625    | 97              | 3,811  | 3,654   | 96              | 4,457             | 4,279   | 96              |
| Minnesota:      | 1,165        | 1,106  | 95              | 6,115  | 6,028   | 99              | 7,280             | 7,134   | 98              |
| Iowa ....       | 348          | 322    | 93              | 1,438  | 1,375   | 96              | 1,786             | 1,697   | 95              |
| Missouri :      | 535          | 512    | 96              | 2,578  | 2,570   | 100             | 3,113             | 3,082   | 99              |
| S.Dakota :      | 2,125        | 2,295  | 108             | 12,532 | 12,509  | 100             | 14,657            | 14,804  | 101             |
| Nebraska :      | 615          | 674    | 110             | 3,486  | 3,673   | 105             | 4,101             | 4,347   | 106             |
| Kansas ..       | 309          | 328    | 106             | 1,363  | 1,444   | 106             | 1,672             | 1,772   | 106             |
| Total 10 States | 458          | 453    | 99              | 2,496  | 2,471   | 99              | 2,954             | 2,924   | 99              |
|                 | 225          | 252    | 112             | 1,278  | 1,326   | 104             | 1,503             | 1,578   | 105             |
| Hawaii ..       | 6,768        | 6,902  | 102             | 37,287 | 37,196  | 100             | 44,055            | 44,098  | 100             |
|                 | 10           | 10     | 100             | 59     | 58      | 98              | 69                | 68      | 99              |

Number of other hogs and pigs on farms by weight groups, December 1, 1966 and 1967, selected States

| State             | Under   |        | 60-119 |        | 120-179    |       | 180-219 |       | 220 lbs. and over |       |
|-------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|------------|-------|---------|-------|-------------------|-------|
|                   | 60 lbs. |        | 1966   | 1967   | lbs.       | 1966  | 1967    | lbs.  | 1966              | 1967  |
|                   | 1966    | 1967   | 1966   | 1967   | 1966       | 1967  | 1966    | 1967  | 1966              | 1967  |
| Ohio ....         | 841     | 841    | 635    | 644    | 438        | 397   | 237     | 225   | 39                | 39    |
| Indiana ..        | 1,193   | 1,169  | 1,124  | 1,078  | 934        | 840   | 457     | 468   | 103               | 99    |
| Illinois ..       | 1,999   | 2,037  | 1,749  | 1,754  | 1,315      | 1,254 | 850     | 802   | 202               | 181   |
| Wisconsin:        | 597     | 564    | 367    | 289    | 269        | 296   | 162     | 185   | 43                | 41    |
| Minnesota:        | 876     | 915    | 722    | 771    | 503        | 488   | 356     | 319   | 121               | 77    |
| Iowa ....         | 4,210   | 4,128  | 3,196  | 3,277  | 2,657      | 2,564 | 1,855   | 1,914 | 614               | 626   |
| Missouri :        | 1,349   | 1,469  | 854    | 881    | 715        | 735   | 401     | 404   | 167               | 184   |
| S.Dakota :        | 450     | 520    | 313    | 347    | 279        | 274   | 239     | 217   | 82                | 86    |
| Nebraska :        | 901     | 949    | 671    | 677    | 492        | 452   | 312     | 289   | 120               | 104   |
| Kansas ..         | 511     | 530    | 307    | 345    | 256        | 252   | 153     | 146   | 51                | 53    |
| Total 10 States   | 12,927  | 13,122 | 9,938  | 10,063 | 7,858      | 7,552 | 5,022   | 4,969 | 1,542             | 1,490 |
| 1967 as % of 1966 | 102     |        | 101    |        | 96         |       | 99      |       | 97                |       |
|                   | - - -   |        | - - -  |        | 1,000 head | - - - | - - -   |       |                   |       |
| Hawaii ..         | 26      | 28     | 19     | 18     | 12         | 11    | 2       | 1     | ---               | ---   |
|                   | - - -   |        | - - -  |        | - - -      |       | - - -   |       | - - -             |       |

Hogs and pigs: Number of hogs and pigs on farms, breeding,  
and other, March 1, 1967 and 1968, selected States

| State                   | For breeding |        |         | Other  |        |         | All hogs and pigs |        |         |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------|
|                         | 1968         |        |         | 1968   |        |         | 1968              |        |         |
|                         | 1967         | Number | As % of | 1967   | Number | As % of | 1967              | Number | As % of |
|                         |              | : 1967 | :       |        | : 1967 | :       |                   | : 1967 | :       |
|                         | head         | head   | Percent | head   | head   | Percent | head              | head   | Percent |
| Ohio .....              | 362          | 363    | 100     | 2,054  | 1,981  | 96      | 2,416             | 2,344  | 97      |
| Ind. ....               | 688          | 608    | 88      | 3,531  | 3,442  | 97      | 4,219             | 4,050  | 96      |
| Ill. ....               | 1,128        | 1,084  | 96      | 5,246  | 5,290  | 101     | 6,374             | 6,374  | 100     |
| Wis. ....               | 343          | 325    | 95      | 1,100  | 1,089  | 99      | 1,443             | 1,414  | 98      |
| Minn. ....              | 514          | 504    | 98      | 2,165  | 2,175  | 100     | 2,679             | 2,679  | 100     |
| Iowa .....              | 2,429        | 2,367  | 97      | 10,029 | 10,091 | 101     | 12,458            | 12,458 | 100     |
| Mo. ....                | 657          | 690    | 105     | 2,993  | 3,142  | 105     | 3,650             | 3,832  | 105     |
| S. Dak. ....            | 367          | 349    | 95      | 968    | 1,106  | 114     | 1,335             | 1,455  | 109     |
| Nebr. ....              | 510          | 531    | 104     | 2,248  | 2,337  | 104     | 2,758             | 2,868  | 104     |
| Kans. ....              | 245          | 230    | 94      | 1,198  | 1,300  | 109     | 1,443             | 1,530  | 106     |
| Total 10<br>States .... | 7,243        | 7,051  | 97      | 31,532 | 31,953 | 101     | 38,775            | 39,004 | 101     |
| Hawaii .....            | 10           | 10     | 100     | 58     | 57     | 98      | 68                | 67     | 99      |

Number of other hogs and pigs on farms by weight groups,  
March 1, 1967 and 1968, selected States

| State                      | Under                         |        | 60-119 |        | 120-179 |        | 180-219 |        | 220 lbs. |          |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|----------|----------|
|                            | 60                            | lbs.   | lbs.   | 1968   | 1967    | lbs.   | 1968    | 1967   | lbs.     | and over |
|                            | 1967                          | : 1968 | : 1967 | : 1968 | : 1967  | : 1968 | : 1967  | : 1968 | : 1967   | : 1968   |
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| Ohio .....                 | 791                           | 772    | 452    | 446    | 513     | 475    | 257     | 248    | 41       | 40       |
| Ind. ....                  | 1,483                         | 1,394  | 777    | 778    | 741     | 740    | 459     | 458    | 71       | 72       |
| Ill. ....                  | 1,951                         | 1,814  | 1,081  | 1,164  | 1,322   | 1,381  | 745     | 793    | 147      | 138      |
| Wis. ....                  | 462                           | 466    | 211    | 214    | 250     | 234    | 154     | 153    | 23       | 22       |
| Minn. ....                 | 888                           | 892    | 370    | 413    | 476     | 457    | 357     | 348    | 74       | 65       |
| Iowa .....                 | 3,310                         | 3,562  | 2,166  | 2,008  | 2,668   | 2,624  | 1,534   | 1,514  | 351      | 383      |
| Mo. ....                   | 1,122                         | 1,194  | 718    | 754    | 689     | 723    | 344     | 352    | 120      | 119      |
| S. Dak. ....               | 344                           | 398    | 203    | 232    | 232     | 277    | 150     | 160    | 39       | 39       |
| Nebr. ....                 | 821                           | 830    | 506    | 538    | 553     | 596    | 312     | 315    | 56       | 58       |
| Kans. ....                 | 455                           | 494    | 270    | 286    | 284     | 306    | 158     | 182    | 31       | 32       |
| Total 10<br>States ....    | 11,627                        | 11,816 | 6,754  | 6,833  | 7,728   | 7,813  | 4,470   | 4,523  | 953      | 968      |
| 1968 as %<br>of 1967 ..... | 102                           | :      | 101    | :      | 101     | :      | 101     | :      | 102      | :        |
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| Hawaii .....               | 28                            | 27     | 18     | 18     | 11      | 11     | 1       | 1      | ---      | ---      |

Sows farrowing, pigs per litter and pig crop  
December 1/ through February, selected States

| State           | Sows farrowing |       |       | Pigs per litter |         | Pig crop 2/ |         |        |
|-----------------|----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|--------|
|                 | Average:       |       | 1968  | litter          |         | 1967        |         | 1968   |
|                 | 1962-66:       |       | 1967  | Number          | As % of | 1967        | 1968    | Number |
|                 | :              | :     | :     | 1967            | :       | 1967        | :       | 1967   |
|                 | : 1,000        | 1,000 | 1,000 |                 |         |             | 1,000   | 1,000  |
|                 | : head         | head  | head  | Percent         | Number  | Number      | head    | head   |
|                 | :              | :     | :     |                 |         |             | Percent |        |
| Ohio .....      | 114            | 116   | 115   | 99              | 7.22    | 7.10        | 838     | 816    |
| Ind. .....      | 252            | 219   | 215   | 98              | 7.21    | 7.26        | 1,579   | 1,561  |
| Ill. .....      | 312            | 307   | 292   | 95              | 7.27    | 7.05        | 2,232   | 2,059  |
| Wis. .....      | 86             | 83    | 80    | 96              | 7.25    | 7.79        | 602     | 623    |
| Minn. .....     | 142            | 136   | 136   | 100             | 7.59    | 7.78        | 1,032   | 1,058  |
| Iowa .....      | 441            | 462   | 471   | 102             | 7.37    | 7.25        | 3,405   | 3,415  |
| Mo. .....       | 172            | 186   | 190   | 102             | 7.14    | 7.08        | 1,328   | 1,345  |
| S. Dak. ....    | 44             | 50    | 55    | 110             | 7.43    | 7.60        | 372     | 418    |
| Nebr. ....      | 95             | 116   | 119   | 103             | 7.45    | 7.45        | 864     | 887    |
| Kans. ....      | 63             | 70    | 74    | 106             | 7.40    | 7.26        | 518     | 537    |
| Total 10 States | 1,722          | 1,745 | 1,747 | 100             | 7.32    | 7.28        | 12,770  | 12,719 |
| Hawaii .....    | 2.7            | 2.9   | 3.0   | 103             | 6.91    | 6.65        | 20      | 20     |

1/ December preceding year.

2/ Number of pigs farrowed December through February which are still on hand March 1 of have been sold.

Sows farrowing December through February, by months, selected States

| State           | 1967     |       |       | 1968     |       |          | Percent of 1967 |                 |       |
|-----------------|----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
|                 | Dec. 1/: |       | Jan.  | Number   |       | Dec. 1/: | Jan.            | Percent of 1967 |       |
|                 | Dec. 1/: | Jan.  | Feb.  | Dec. 1/: | Jan.  | Feb.     | Dec. 1/:        | Jan.            | Feb.  |
|                 | : 1,000  | 1,000 | 1,000 | : 1,000  | 1,000 | 1,000    | : 1,000         | 1,000           | 1,000 |
|                 | : head   | head  | head  | : head   | head  | head     | : Pct.          | Pct.            | Pct.  |
| Ohio .....      | 27       | 44    | 45    | 31       | 37    | 47       | 115             | 84              | 104   |
| Ind. .....      | 55       | 72    | 92    | 52       | 77    | 86       | 95              | 107             | 93    |
| Ill. .....      | 83       | 101   | 123   | 82       | 93    | 117      | 99              | 92              | 95    |
| Wis. .....      | 22       | 27    | 34    | 22       | 27    | 31       | 100             | 100             | 91    |
| Minn. .....     | 31       | 41    | 64    | 34       | 45    | 57       | 110             | 110             | 89    |
| Iowa .....      | 115      | 139   | 208   | 127      | 146   | 198      | 110             | 105             | 95    |
| Mo. .....       | 54       | 59    | 73    | 53       | 67    | 70       | 98              | 114             | 96    |
| S. Dak. ....    | 10       | 13    | 27    | 11       | 16    | 28       | 110             | 123             | 104   |
| Nebr. ....      | 29       | 36    | 51    | 29       | 37    | 53       | 100             | 103             | 104   |
| Kans. ....      | 17       | 24    | 29    | 21       | 27    | 26       | 124             | 112             | 90    |
| Total 10 States | 443      | 556   | 746   | 462      | 572   | 713      | 104             | 103             | 96    |
| Hawaii .....    | .9       | 1.0   | 1.0   | .9       | 1.0   | 1.1      | 100             | 100             | 110   |

1/ December preceding year.

Sows farrowing, pigs per litter and pig crop, March-May selected States

| State              | Sows farrowing       |                      |                      | Pigs per litter |        | Pig crop             |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------|----------------------|
|                    | Average<br>1962-66   | 1967                 | 1968 1/              | As % of<br>1967 | 1967   | 2/                   |
|                    | 1,000<br><u>head</u> | 1,000<br><u>head</u> | 1,000<br><u>head</u> | Percent         | Number | 1,000<br><u>head</u> |
| Ohio .....         | 169                  | 155                  | 146                  | 94              | 7.30   | 1,132                |
| Ind. .....         | 252                  | 235                  | 226                  | 96              | 7.69   | 1,807                |
| Ill. .....         | 572                  | 529                  | 503                  | 95              | 7.39   | 3,909                |
| Wis. .....         | 163                  | 149                  | 146                  | 98              | 7.38   | 1,100                |
| Minn. .....        | 304                  | 268                  | 265                  | 99              | 7.60   | 2,037                |
| Iowa .....         | 1,121                | 1,179                | 1,120                | 95              | 7.17   | 8,453                |
| Mo. .....          | 283                  | 293                  | 284                  | 97              | 7.63   | 2,236                |
| S. Dak. ....       | 214                  | 200                  | 192                  | 96              | 7.29   | 1,458                |
| Nebr. ....         | 265                  | 245                  | 255                  | 104             | 7.43   | 1,820                |
| Kans. ....         | 97                   | 98                   | 104                  | 106             | 7.62   | 747                  |
| Total 10<br>States | 3,441                | 3,351                | 3,241                | 97              | 7.37   | 24,699               |
| Hawaii .....       | 2.8                  | 2.8                  | 3.0                  | 107             | 7.11   | 20                   |

1/ Number indicated by breeding intentions report.

2/ Number of pigs farrowed March through May which are still on hand June 1 or have been sold.

Sows farrowing March through May, by months, selected States

| State              | 1967                 |                      |                      | 1968 1/              |                      |                      |                 |      |      |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------|------|
|                    | Mar.                 | Apr.                 | May                  | Number               |                      |                      | Percent of 1967 |      |      |
|                    | 1,000<br><u>head</u> | 1,000<br><u>head</u> | 1,000<br><u>head</u> | 1,000<br><u>head</u> | 1,000<br><u>head</u> | 1,000<br><u>head</u> | Pct.            | Pct. | Pct. |
| Ohio .....         | 62                   | 54                   | 39                   | 54                   | 48                   | 44                   | 87              | 89   | 113  |
| Ind. .....         | 96                   | 82                   | 57                   | 95                   | 81                   | 50                   | 99              | 99   | 88   |
| Ill. .....         | 206                  | 196                  | 127                  | 196                  | 196                  | 111                  | 95              | 100  | 87   |
| Wis. .....         | 60                   | 49                   | 40                   | 60                   | 48                   | 38                   | 100             | 98   | 95   |
| Minn. ....         | 102                  | 102                  | 64                   | 101                  | 101                  | 63                   | 99              | 99   | 98   |
| Iowa .....         | 377                  | 472                  | 330                  | 358                  | 448                  | 314                  | 95              | 95   | 95   |
| Mo. ....           | 97                   | 111                  | 85                   | 88                   | 116                  | 80                   | 91              | 105  | 94   |
| S. Dak. ....       | 64                   | 86                   | 50                   | 61                   | 85                   | 46                   | 95              | 99   | 92   |
| Nebr. ....         | 83                   | 98                   | 64                   | 84                   | 107                  | 64                   | 101             | 109  | 100  |
| Kans. ....         | 39                   | 37                   | 22                   | 40                   | 38                   | 26                   | 103             | 103  | 118  |
| Total 10<br>States | 1,186                | 1,287                | 878                  | 1,137                | 1,268                | 836                  | 96              | 99   | 95   |
| Hawaii .....       | .8                   | .9                   | 1.1                  | 1.0                  | 1.0                  | 1.0                  | 125             | 111  | 91   |

1/ Number indicated by breeding intentions report.

Sows farrowing, pigs per litter and pig crop,  
June-August, selected States

| State                | June-August     |            |            |                 |        |             |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------|-------------|
|                      | Sows farrowing  |            |            | Pigs per litter |        | Pig crop 2/ |
|                      | Average 1962-66 | 1967       | Number     | As % of<br>1967 | 1967   | 1967        |
|                      | 1,000 head      | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | Percent         | Number | 1,000 head  |
| Ohio .....           | 144             | 136        | 128        | 94              | 7.54   | 1,025       |
| Ind. .....           | 293             | 254        | 241        | 95              | 7.54   | 1,915       |
| Ill. .....           | 407             | 417        | 384        | 92              | 7.27   | 3,032       |
| Wis. .....           | 116             | 102        | 102        | 100             | 7.55   | 770         |
| Minn. .....          | 189             | 178        | 185        | 104             | 7.50   | 1,335       |
| Iowa .....           | 644             | 665        | 652        | 98              | 7.36   | 4,894       |
| Mo. .....            | 225             | 235        | 237        | 101             | 7.20   | 1,692       |
| S. Dak. ....         | 60              | 64         | 56         | 88              | 7.20   | 461         |
| Nebr. ....           | 120             | 116        | 124        | 107             | 7.40   | 858         |
| Kans. ....           | 66              | 73         | 74         | 102             | 7.51   | 548         |
| Total 10 States .... | 2,264           | 2,240      | 2,183      | 97              | 7.38   | 16,530      |
| Hawaii .....         | 2.8             | 2.9        | 3.0        | 103             | 7.24   | 21          |

1/ Number indicated by breeding intentions report.

2/ Number of pigs farrowed June through August which were still on hand or sold by September 1.

(Comments continued from page 2)

#### MARCH-MAY INTENTIONS

Farmers reported intentions to farrow 3,241,000 sows during the March-May quarter, 3 percent less than last year. Kansas and Nebraska each show increases while the other 8 States expect decreases. Expected monthly farrowings are: March, 1,137,000, down 4 percent from a year earlier; April, 1,268,000, down 1 percent; and May, 836,000, down 5 percent. Intentions for the March-May quarter reported on March 1, 1968 are 7,000 head lower, or less than one percent below the intentions reported for this period on December 1, 1967.

#### JUNE-AUGUST INTENTIONS

Farmers in the 10 Corn Belt States have indicated intentions to breed 2,183,000 sows to farrow during the June-August 1968 quarter, 3 percent below a year earlier. Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and Kansas expect increases ranging from 1 to 7 percent. Wisconsin expects no change from last year, while decreases in the remaining five States range from 2 percent in Iowa to 12 percent in South Dakota.

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